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ANNOUNCEMENT.

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Of long experience in their profession as editors, respectively of the *Fayetteville Observer* and the *Wilmington Journal*, they do not doubt the soundness of the general judgment which assigns them ability to furnish a newspaper suited to the needs and adapted to the taste of the people of North Carolina. Differing in politics in the older time, there was never a difference between the *Observer* and the *Journal* in zeal for the interests and honor of North Carolina. To promote the one, and to uphold and aid to the other will be the object of the *Observer* now.

Of very decided opinions on questions of public interest, and apt to give those opinions with precision, they deem it the duty of a newspaper to furnish its readers with the information of their opinions—to publish all their news, and their purpose is to make *The Observer* now, as of old, a truthful, accurate, condensed history of the times in which we live. It was thus that the old *Observer* won its hold upon the people of North Carolina, enjoying the affection of its party friends, receiving the respect and confidence of its bitterest political foes, and commanding in its comparatively isolated location a circulation larger than has ever been attained by any other North Carolina newspaper, and it is thus, by like dignity, and fairness that the editors of *The Observer*, transferred to the State Capital, hope it will deserve, and soon equal, and then surpass, its former circulation and prosperity.

It will be their high aim to deserve the public confidence by earnest efforts to promote the public welfare, first and foremost of North Carolina, next of all the Southern States, and finally, and through these, of the whole Union. They think that this can only be effected by the prevalence of Democratic principles and the dismissals of the Radical party from the places and power which they have so greatly abused, and under whose baneful rule the South has been outraged and the whole country has been impoverished and disgraced.

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A SHORT TEMPERANCE STORY.

From the *Asheville Expositor*.

"Dr. Polk never takes a dram."

"No, under no circumstances, whatever, have I been known to take a dram. I have been in company of all kinds, traveled through wet, cold, hot, and have been surrounded jeered and threatened, but have never taken a dram."

"Well, it is so strange. Do you dislike the taste?" "O no. As well as I can remember, when I was a child, a little was given me a time or two as a medicine, and I think it was the best thing I ever tasted. I know I would like it, but I never intend to take a dram—I am afraid."

"I have seen so many young men ruined; so many fine hopes blasted by intoxicating drinks, that I set a resolution in my youth never to fall in that way."

My interviewer said on this subject was a lady with whom I had just become acquainted. We were sitting at her own table at dinner, and the conversation brought suddenly to my mind many thrilling incidents and sad recollections of the past. Among them the following:

When I was quite young, I became acquainted with two boys, the pride of their fond mother, and the hope of a doting father. They were bright boys, and their opportunities were good, for their father was a thorough business man, and was very wealthy. "How bright," I used to think, are their prospects in this world, compared to many, especially to my own. I did not envy them, for I liked them. About the time they had reached manhood, I lost sight of them for several years, but the news came occasionally that they were "sowing their wild oats"—that they frequently staid in their room at a late hour, in a state of intoxication. But in process of time, their abandoned ways drove all shame away, and they might be seen in broad day, reeling on the streets. Friends interfered, and used every means to induce them to reform, which had a salutary effect on the youngest. About this time, I met them on a pleasure excursion with several other young men. The company had plenty of spirits with them, but the younger of my two friends I noticed, would not drink. He told me that he had signed a pledge never to touch anything intoxicating again. But his brother was intoxicated every day. He told me privately, that he intended, when he returned home, to become a sober man like his brother, and get married. He told me that he had fallen in love with a beautiful young lady of refinement, whom he desired to make his wife.

Five years afterward, I met him again, and he had been married three years. He had done as he said he would—reformed, was accepted by the one he loved, and was a drunkard again.

His reformation had hoped to be in reality, and the high standing of his family, as is too often the case, caused an "adolescent" girl to become a drunkard's wife.

But what of the younger brother, whom we left a sober man? Where was he? Oh, that I could write it in a whisper, that his kindred might not hear—that his heart-broken mother might not remember her child, and his tottering, aged father might not think of his dark-eyed boy again—he was dead—died in a fit of delirium tremens.

But the death of the younger have no effect on the elder brother. I could not the tears and entreaties of the woman who had locked up her happiness in his own heart, restrain him? Could not the fond assurance of his innocent children, move him to swear by His that liveth forever, that he would cease his sin no more? Ah, no! Nothing could check him! His parents had given him his portion of goods, and they were melting away. Brink drink! drink! and his family was fast becoming beggars. Time sped onward, and our hero—such a hero, the number of which should, how the world is to-day—sped downward still, and he lies to-day in a drunkard's grave.

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A GYPSY'S LIFE.

I was quite young when I received my first lesson in fortune telling, gypsies who recently escaped from a gypsy camp. For the first lesson I was only to tell fortunes for young girls. I was to judge them and say most about love subjects. Afterward I was allowed to tell anybody. If I could lay my hands on anything worth having I would do so, but it was no business of anybody's when I got it. I was never asked where I got things. I was pleased at the idea of telling fortunes, and did very well at the business. I picked up fast, and before the first season closed I knew how to read human nature very well and could read character tolerably. I will not say much about stealing, for I am ashamed. Some of our wagons have false bottoms, so that whenever the camp was searched nothing could be found. If the officers came they were given full privilege to search all around, and in this way they were led to believe, many times, that we were really innocent. There is no truth at all in fortune telling. We said just what came into our minds. One time a young man in Tennessee came to me and told me to go to a certain house and induce a young girl to have her fortune told. He told me what to say. He was in love with her and wanted to marry her. I understood him, and carried out my part very well. I sang her a song about the young lover, and the beautiful girl got as white as snow, then red, and then gave me five dollars. She could well afford it; I got ten dollars from the man. He had been discarded, but before we left the place I saw the pair out driving.

There's any amount of trickery like this among the gypsies. I liked the life at first, it was free and romantic; but finally I tired of it, because I was ill-treated. I always wanted to keep up my appearance, which made some of the other women jealous. They commenced to spread evil reports about, and used every means to induce them to reform, which had a salutary effect on the youngest. About this time, I met them on a pleasure excursion with several other young men.

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ONLY A WOMAN.

It is not because of the want of skill that

Only a woman, *etc.* *etc.* *etc.*

The play of the wind and the play of the

gold.

Checkers that are shrunken,

eyes that are sunken,

lips that were never unfold,

Only a woman, *etc.* *etc.* *etc.*

Asking in night the lone church door,

Shaking the organ, and upon the

gold,

The waves of its music go over the

gold,

Silks that are soft,

gold,

Thicker and faster;

The great bell ceases its toll,

in which she bates, but not for the poor,

Swings wide open the bronze church

door,

Only a woman, *etc.* *etc.* *etc.*

WEDNESDAY, DEG. 16, 1876.

THE DEED CONSUMMATED!

What has been anticipated for some weeks past has been at length perfected, and South Carolina, Florida and Louisiana are counted in for Hayes, giving him a majority of one in the electoral college, if no law is found in any elector from any other State.

A more flagrant violation of fact and right, and a more flagrant defiance of truth and evidence was never before exhibited by men in whose veins runs the blood of the Anglo-Saxon. Political tactics worthy of Mexico for the first time, at least on a broad national scale, have been made the weapons of American policy, and the real utterance of the ballot box has been stifled, or distorted to speak the voice of party.

The national administration went into this contest with individual states determined to win; determined to close its eyes to all the appeals of justice, to all the warnings of law; and, with all the strength that control of place and power gave it, to run a blind tilt against those moral forces that, up to the present disgraceful era, have been potent to secure at least the forms of law, and the observance of precedents.

The administration has won—for the present. Its armies have given, not moral, but brute strength, to the infamous tools who manipulated ballot boxes with impunity, and paraded unabashedly the result of their infamous frauds.

But while nominally asserting the success of their schemes, they must be aware that they have only half attained their object. They know, that if satisfactory to themselves, their every act has been watched, and they are already pilloried before the world as cheats and scoundrels. How can they expect their work to stand the scrutiny, not alone of the Democratic Congress, but of their own party friends.

For it must not be forgotten by our friends, apt to fall into despondency at the apparent frustration of their hopes, that the honest Republicans of the North—and they are many—look with disgust upon the practices of those who claim victory through patent frauds, and who revile at the idea of using or sharing power obtained by such means.

These will endorse the action of the Democratic House, if they do not aid it, in resisting these fraudulent claims. They are sensible to the ineffaceable disgrace which will attach to the whole Republican party. They know it will never survive the shock given to its credit. They know moreover that the business interests of the country must wither under the blight of a discredited and disgraced administration, and they will acquiesce in the peaceful recognition of even the hostile claims of Mr. Tilden, rather than accept the more than dubious ones of Mr. Hayes.

There is everywhere a moral conviction that Mr. Tilden is fairly entitled to the electoral vote of Louisiana. There is more than a moral conviction that probabilities have been overstrained to give it to Mr. Hayes. The time is rapidly approaching when a more august, a more impartial, and a more honest tribunal will review the whole question, and then we are sure that the whole country will peaceful accord to Mr. Tilden the position so justly due to him as the choice not only of a popular but of an electoral majority.

The Presidents Message has so little to say upon subjects most interesting to us that we can neither to criticize or reproduce it.

The only point about it worthy of consideration is the weak excuse for the bad conduct of his appointees through which so much trouble has been brought upon the South and so much disgrace upon the administration.

This is a mean device to evade responsibility. If ever a man was directly responsible for the acts of his appointees, it is President Grant. He has been deaf to all warnings, blind to all experience. He has been callous to public opinion, and contemptuous to all rebuke.

In fact it is notorious that the more flagrant the offence, the closer he has stuck to the offender. Babcock and Belknap and Shepard are standing monuments to his partiality to crime. The blacker the sin, the dearer the sinner. And it is therefore a contemptible shift to throw upon the very men he has nurtured and defended the responsibility for those fearful violations of law and the constitution, which even his old-time partisans now enable him to see have worked out their legitimate results.

Aldrich, the Vermont contesting elector, appeared with counsel before the electoral college and offered his vote for Tilden and Hendricks. He filed his protest against the vote of Sullance, and appointed himself to carry his own vote to Washington, where he will fight it out in Congress.

THE PROPOSITION OF MR. HAYES.

Mr. Hayes is stated to have sought and obtained an interview with Col. Roberts of the New Orleans Times, having failed in his plan to have one with Senator Lazar of Mississippi with a view to develop his policy towards the South after his inauguration. For Mr. Hayes affects to talk in happy confidence of his election, and to chalk out his future progress with the assurance of a confirmed possession of his offices, his powers and his honors.

The sum and substance of his ideas, are that he is going to be very generous in his policy to the South; that he is going to remove from us the curse of carpetbaggers, in whom he recognizes our greatest pest; he is going to give all the domestic offices to Southern men; he is going to leave the control of the negro question, and the negroes themselves to the wisdom of Southern men and Southern statesmanship; and—because he wants Southern countenance to his administration—he is going to call a prominent Southern man into his cabinet!

It is the fatal error of Northern politicians and of Northern statesmen, that they have never been able to understand the Southern people. In this corrupt era, they have become accustomed to see self-interest the governing principle in every thing. They have become accustomed to see every man hold himself at a price. They have become accustomed to see conscience, honor, political principle banished away for office or for money, and they have learned the belief that all virtue is extinguished, and that their motives pervade all mankind.

We do not pretend to say that Southern character has altogether withstood the strain which the trials of the last ten years have put upon its endurance. But we do assert that it has not fallen into that abyss of degradation where money or office is the balm for all trouble. It is still pure enough and proud enough to secure it from the sacrifice of elevated party principles to the base rewards that follow treachery to their own convictions.

Mr. Hayes may be perfectly sincere in his offers. But he betrays a base nature when he tempts Southern leaders with the promise of reward to alliance with a party against which every instinct of justice, patriotism and personal interest burns in undying antagonism. It was an unworthy imputation, both upon the honor or the good sense of any Southern man of influence or character, that he could be bought to silence, or induced to co-operation with a chief who is unable to give assurance that he will not perpetuate that system which has entailed such wrong and ruin upon the South. All the efforts of the Democratic party in the South for these ten years have been to obtain justice, not through hostility to the government, but opposition to the administration. Does Mr. Hayes expect, that when that administration is in its death throes, it shall receive new life at the hands of those who have helped to deal the deadly blow?

CONGRESS.

Both Houses are engaged in the work of investigating election frauds. The committees are already at work. Surely there is foundation enough to upset the nefarious work of the Boards of South Carolina, Florida and Louisiana.

As the matter now stands, Tilden has 182 votes including the one from Oregon, given to Cronin, D. C., instead of to the dis-qualified republican postmaster. If the legality of this is assailed, then the radicals must go behind the broad seal of the State. If this is done, then that is a game the Democrats can play at with advantage.

Tilden is no doubt legally elected, but the decision will not be reached without a fierce struggle in Congress.

The Richmond *Whig* says: Florida has been counted for Hayes! Why, of course, it has been. Did not Grant say it should be, and did not the Radical leaders notify us before the election it would be counted for him if necessary. Counted for Hayes, indeed! Why, what would have been the use of stealing the vote of South Carolina and Louisiana unless they stole that of Florida also. But hold on, there, thieves; not quite so fast; there is to be another count yet before you are out of the woods.

The New York *Herald* says: The Oregon electors a checkmate and a surprise. By this astute manœuvre the supporters of Mr. Tilden have captured the strong hold of the enemy, and can turn his own batteries against him. If one House alone cannot reverse the certificates which bear the signature of the Governor and the seal of the State, the Democrats are strongly entrenched on the ground selected by their adversaries. The rage of the Republicans at being thus hoisted by the own petard is as amazing as it is natural.

Samuel Cooper, late Adjutant and Inspector General of the Confederate army, died Tuesday, in Fairfax county, Va. in his 76th year of his age.

OREGON.

The present reading of the situation makes the election of Mr. Tilden certain by the one vote gained by the substitution of a Democratic for the discredited Republican elector. According to the laws of Oregon—and each State is authorized to frame its own laws regarding the manner of electing Presidential electors—Mr. Cronin is as fully entitled to his place as any indisputably returned elector from Massachusetts or Ohio. We would not be disposed to take advantage of any merely technical flaw, to stifle or misinterpret in real voice of the people. True, the other side has given us full occasion to give a Howland for an Oliver. But, as in the case of Vermont, full fairness would suggest that the intent be strictly followed out. Nevertheless we would have the Democratic party make use of this Oregon case, not so much as through it alone, to perfect the election of Mr. Tilden, as by it, to test a principle, and establish Mr. Tilden's election through its application to other States. If the Republicans contest the right of Mr. Cronin, the Oregon Democratic elector, they must go behind the great Seal of Oregon. If they can do this, the Democrats have the key to the situation. They can go behind the great seals of Louisiana and Florida, and the result will not be doubtful.

The Republicans may throw out Oregon, but if they do, they will lose eleven electoral votes. Either horn of the dilemma defeats Mr. Hayes.

The horrible burning of the Brooklyn Theatre on Wednesday night last surpasses any event of the kind known in our history. The burning of the Richmond Theatre in 1811 destroyed between 70 and 80 lives, including that of the Governor of Virginia. The Brooklyn fire destroyed 292.

The most unaccountable feature of the fire is that the loss of life was not suspected until the firemen began to clear away the ruins, and the fearful sight was exposed of human bodies, in every condition of mutilation, piled one upon the other to the depth of fifteen feet!

Is there no safeguard against these calamities? Can no effectual plan of escape be devised? Every theatre, and every place of exhibition in the country is a deadly man trap. Every accident creates a panic, every panic a rush to the doors, and these doors invariably close against the frenzied refugees.

There is one remedy for some of the evils, no place of exhibition should be connected with any other building. Its isolation would admit of side doors and give other means of exit than the solitary front entrance.

Chamberlain is inaugurated Governor of South Carolina, having been sworn in by a Justice of the Peace in the presence of his

rump Legislature. But Hampton will also be sworn in by the Democratic branch of the Legislature which has a majority on joint ballot, and then there will be two governors. Proceedings have been taken by the Democratic House to oust Chamberlain.

SYNOPSIS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE.

Washington, D. C. Dec. 5.—The President commenced with a recapitulation of the events and his official acts of the past eight years. He said mistakes have been made as can see, and I admit, but it seems to me often in the selections made of the assistants appointed to aid in carrying out the various duties of administering the government, in nearly every case selected without a personal acquaintance with the appointee, but upon recommendations of the representatives chosen directly by the people.

It is impossible where so many trusts are to be allotted that the right parties should be chosen in every instance. History shows that no administration from the time of Washington to the present has been free from these mistakes, but I leave comparison to history, claiming only that I have acted in every instance from a conscientious desire to do what was right, constitutional and within the law and for the very best interests of the whole people. The failures have been errors of judgment, not of intent.

FINANCES.

The message says taxes have been reduced within the last seven years nearly \$300,000,000, and the national debt has been reduced in the same time over \$150,000,000 by substituting bonds. The annual interest on the debt has been reduced to \$30,000,000 per annum. The balance of trade has changed from \$130,000,000 against us to \$20,000,000 in our favor, and he believes the balance of trade will continue in our favor, and the pledge of Congress to resume specie payments in 1879, will be easily redeemed, even in the absence of further much desired legislation.

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RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN NATIONS.

Relations with foreign nations continue friendly. The centennial exhibition is alluded to as promotive of good feeling and better acquaintance with foreign nations. Alluding to the reductions of allowances

for the diplomatic service, the President cannot escape the conclusion that in some instances the withholding of appropriations will prove an expensive economy, and that the small remunerations received by a change of grade in certain diplomatic posts is not an adequate consideration for the loss of influence and importance, which will attend our foreign representatives under this reduction.

THE ENGLISH EXTRADITION TREATY.

We reserve for another communication a statement of the questions with Great Britain regarding the extradition treaty.

AMERICAN TROUBLES.

The subject of the troubles on the Rio Grande is under consideration between the United States and Mexico. The President asks legislation which may provide for the payment of the awards of the Mexican claims commission.

TRADUCIENT NATURALIZATION.

He recommends legislation to prevent fraudulent naturalization, and on the subject of expatriation and election of nationality in the interest of emigrants, he suggests a new tribunal for the settlement of the claims of aliens against the United States. Other governments are in advance of us in this respect.

THE NEW STATE OF COLORADO.

The President states the provisions of the act of Congress for admitting Colorado into the Union, and that he issued a proclamation to that effect.

THE ARMY.

Additional appropriations for the army are asked.

SOUTH PASS IMPROVEMENTS.

He says the improvement of the South Pass of the Mississippi river under James B. Eads, and his associates is progressing favorably.

The navy is in a condition as effective as possible within the means and authority given the department.

BLOODY SHIRTISM.

A few post masters in the Southern States have expressed great apprehension of their personal safety on account of their connection with the postal service, and have specially requested that their reports of apprehended danger should not be made public, lest it should result in the loss of their lives, but no positive testimony of interference has been submitted, except in the case of a mail messenger at Spartanburg, South Carolina, who reported that he had been violently driven away while in charge of the mails on account of his political affiliations. An assistant superintendent of the railway mail service investigated this case and reported that the messenger had disappeared from his post, leaving his work to be performed by a substitute. The Postmaster General adds that the case is sufficiently suggestive to justify him in recommending that a more severe punishment should be provided for the offense of assaulting any person in charge of the mails or retarding or otherwise obstructing them by threats of personal injury.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

The President calls the attention of Congress to the necessity of throwing greater safeguards over the method of choosing and declaring the election of President.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

He says: The compulsory support of the free school and the disfranchisement of all who cannot read and write the English language after a fixed probation would meet with hearty approval.

SANTO DOMINGO.

The President makes an elaborate defense of his recommendation for the annexation of Santo Domingo. After describing the commercial advantages that would have accrued, he says the Cuban question would have been settled long ago in favor of free Cuba. The President adds and concludes that the Island of Santo Domingo is but sparsely settled, while it has an area sufficient for the profitable employment of several millions of people. The soil would have soon fallen into the hands of United States capitalists. The products are so valuable in commerce that emigration there would have been encouraged. The emancipated race of the South would have found there a congenial home where their civil rights would not be disputed, and where their labor would be so much sought after that the poorest among them could have found the means to go there in cases of great apprehension and cruelty, such as has been practised upon them in many places within the last eleven years. Whole communities would have sought refuge in Santo Domingo. I do not suppose the whole race would have gone, nor is it desirable that they should go. Their labor is desirable, and indispensable almost where they now are. But the possession of this territory would have left the negro master of the situation, by enabling him to demand his rights at home on pain of finding them elsewhere. I do not present these views now as a recommendation for a renewal of the subject of annexation, but I do refer to it to vindicate my previous action in regard to it.

EXIT GRANT.

With the present Congress my official life terminates. It is not probable that public affairs will ever again receive attention from me, further than as a citizen of the republic, always taking a deep interest in the honor, integrity and prosperity of the whole land.

(Signed,) U. S. Grant.

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The message says taxes have been reduced within the last seven years nearly \$300,000,000, and the national debt has been reduced in the same time over \$150,000,000 by substituting bonds. The annual interest on the debt has been reduced to \$30,000,000 per annum. The balance of trade has changed from \$130,000,000 against us to \$20,000,000 in our favor, and he believes the balance of trade will continue in our favor, and the pledge of Congress to resume specie payments in 1879, will be easily redeemed, even in the absence of further much desired legislation.

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North Carolina Register

Editor's Correspondence.

RALEIGH, Dec. 8th 1876.

The cold spell lasting during the whole of the past week seems about to end with a rain. A good crop has been gathered, though the dependence here is almost altogether upon the thick, clear coatings of the Northern ponds, with its huge blocks of crystal a foot and a half to two feet thick which one may see in the hot summer days standing on the sides walks in contempt of the fiercest rays of a torrid sun.

The cold weather has had its effect upon members of the Legislature. The transition from the heated rooms of the Capitol to the sharp external atmosphere has developed several serious cases of illness, besides innumerable colds. The plans suggested last winter for heating the Capitol have not been carried out, and the building remains as it has been from the beginning, a fruitful source of disease. It ought to strike every one that it is ill advised economy to withhold the means needed to secure both comfort and health, constituents are liable at any time to be deprived of the services of their representatives by sickness induced by their duties, and the sacrifice of health is to exact an exaction to be set off by any considerations of economy. The deaths of numbers of valuable men may be directly traced to their discomforts in the Capitol of the State.

During the session, Raleigh is never without subjects of interest. On Wednesday last was the day fixed by law for the meeting of the electors to cast the vote of the State, for President of the United States. Of course it was a foregone conclusion that they were to cast their votes for Tilden and Hendricks, for whom North Carolina gave the magnificent majority of upwards of 17,000. Yet all the imposing forms, and scrupulous scrutiny were observed as if by possibility there might be fraud or there might be opposition.

The cold spell has had its effect upon the past ten days has been more intense and more continuous than ever remembered here so early in the season. For ten days the mercury never rises above the freezing point in the shade, ranging from 15 to 25 at 7 a.m. On Sunday, the 10th, it stood at that hour, and did not rise above 20 during the day.

The ponds are covered with a coating of ice six inches thick furnishing a skating rink during the week, and a splendid ice crop has been housed. Every ice house is filled.

As we write (Sunday night) a brisk snow is falling. We leave to our foreman to say what its depth will be.

Acknowledgements.

Our thanks are tendered to the *Baltimorean* for the very handsome reference to us, in connection with our election to the Principal Clerkship of the House of Representatives. Compliments from a journal of such high character, and so far from home, are highly prized.

See attractive Ad. of Levy Bro's. Now is your time.

Ad. of S. W. Hughes' School. This is one of the best Schools in the State.

Thanks.

We return thanks to the Charlotte *Democrat* and the *Wilmington Cape Fear* for their consideration in furnishing us at Raleigh with their valuable journals in which they send us exchanges.

It is a pleasing thoughtfulness on the part of our brethren.

If you want good oysters, and cheap oysters, call at T.M. Utley's Saloon. He can supply you at the very lowest figures.

Families wishing oysters for Christmas can be supplied by leaving their orders with him. Don't forget to call on Tom for your Christmas oysters.

Boyleton and Raymond's Stock of Christmas goods. If not call and see them.

The paling around the Court House is complete and is a very neat job. It would be further improved by a coat of paint.

Work has been resumed, after a long suspension, upon the large building of Dr. Cain on the Court House square. We are glad to note this little sign of life.

Have you been to D. M. Law's? If not go and see his Christmas goods. He has just received a fresh supply.

Mr. D. C. Parks returned last week from New York, which city he visited for the purpose of Medical advice for an invalid son. Miss Parks remains in New York.

Where did you get that pretty Doll? At Raymond's he has anything you want.

The bill introduced by Mr. Hughes to amend the law in regard to the pay of jurors passed the House of Representatives on Saturday morning.

The Resolutions of Protest against military interference in South Carolina passed the House by a good majority on Friday.

The law authorizing sentences to the Penitentiary for terms of one year and under has passed both Houses. It will add largely to the force employed on Rail Roads, and is a wise and profitable way of

THE WEEKLY.

You can get Roysters best candy at Raymond's.

The Methodist Church.

The Methodist Annual Conference recently held at Greensboro has made the usual changes in the location of ministers. People of all denominations in this country will regret the transfer of the Rev.

Mr. Cole to Concord. He has served here for the last two years with great acceptability to his congregation, and has endeared himself to all by the amiability of his disposition.

His place is to be supplied by the Rev. Mr. Wheeler, of whom we regret to say, our information is very meager.

There are now 350 convicts at work on the Western N. C. Railroad between Old Fort and Asheville.

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The Cape Fear, Wilmington, N. C.

A Barbarous Mutilation.

We wish we could have entered a timely protest against the cruel butchery to which the shade trees of our streets have been the victims.

We are no convert to those advanced ideas of taste which undertake to improve upon nature; which reprove nature for her wild luxuriant work, and curb the exuberance of her prodigality by bringing her back to the straight, laced decorum of puritanical primness. We are one of those who believe that nature best knows what she is about, and when she teaches the boughs of the trees to stretch out their arms in spreading freedom, we feel that she enjoys, as we do, the glist of the beams upon the glistening leaves and laughs in the music of the breeze as it murmers through the rustling foliage.

It seems as cruel and absurd to subject the trees to this pitiless shearing as to dock the horse of the beautiful ornament of flowing mane and tail. Both equally fornorn, and both would equally complain if they could find voice for their indignation.

The beautiful trees which of late adorned our streets now stand wrecks of eminence, lopped and mutilated, in many instances only naked and unsightly trunks, remaining. We think the abominable taste that dictated this mutilation, might at least have directed the ungrateful work of adaptation to its standard. But no! the work was ordered, and its execution was delegated to rule hands; entrusted to the judgment of those whose appreciation of the beautiful rose no higher than that of the swine that root in the gutter.

What has been done is beyond recall. If any more is contemplated in the name of all that is appropriate, let it be stopped.

The Inauguration.

Grand preparations are being made for the inauguration of Governor Vance on the 1st of January. In publicity and in imposing surroundings, it will surpass anything known in our State history. Owing to the immense crowd to be present, the ceremonies will take place in the open air, within the Capitol square on the South side of the Capitol. A platform large enough to seat three hundred people will be erected enclosing the Statue of Washington and covering the railing, so that the effigy of the father of his country, suggestive of patriotism and devotion to the constitution, will form a part of the august group which takes its part in this happy inauguration of a new era for North Carolina.

The American Farmer

closes the year and volume with a number for December of even more than usual interest and value.

With this pioneer journal the subject of fertilizers seems to be ever uppermost, and not only is great stress laid upon the preservation of home-made manures, but the application of scientific principles in restoring and maintaining the fertility of soils is constantly pointed out in plain and practical terms. The record of the proceedings of the most advanced farmers clubs is another of its noteworthy features.

All the branches of farm life and work are accorded full space. The staple crops, fruit-growing, live stock, the dairy-ornamental gardening, &c; are treated by skillful and experienced hands; and all our farmers would find in its pages an ample return for the subscription price, which is \$1.50 a year, or only \$1 each to clubs of five or more. The publishers, Samuel Sands & Son, Baltimore, offer to send free to all new subscribers received before Dec 31st, the last three numbers of '76.

THE CENTENNIAL OF 1876.

This highly favored country is about to celebrate its hundredth birthday. Under its favored privileges, its citizens have been happy: worshipping God according to the dictates of their own consciences; pursuing their chosen avocations unmolested; growing rich and prosperous. Some have attained the most exalted positions from the smallest beginnings. This is particularly applicable to Dr. T. W. LIVER PILLS. Ten years ago they had but a limited local reputation, but in this time, aided by scientific research and conventional business direction, they have attained such a celebrity that there is not a country on the globe that they are not known and used. Wherever disease prevails, especially such as result from torpid liver, dyspepsia, constipation, sick headache, fever and ague, and they are eagerly sought for.

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